

IN HONOR OF THE BLUEGRASS  
AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the members of the Bluegrass Area Development District on their 50th anniversary.

The BGADD is a non-profit organization serving over 800,000 residents in the Kentucky counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford. For the past 50 years, The Bluegrass ADD has provided a regional voice for local governments on issues such as planning, economic development, environment, transportation, homeland security, public utilities, aging and independent living, and workforce development.

The concept of Area Development Districts (ADDs) originated in Kentucky in the early 1960's with the establishment of Area Development Councils. These Councils were organized in all counties and ultimately became the model for the Area Development authorization in landmark federal acts such as the Appalachian Regional Development Act led by Kentuckian John Whisman and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1963. The fifteen Area Development Districts were formed during the period that followed, 1966 to 1971, serving all 120 Kentucky counties. The Bluegrass ADD (BGADD) was the last ADD to incorporate, filing their articles of incorporation on November 8, 1971.

It is my honor to recognize the members, the leaders, and the dedicated staff of the Bluegrass Area Development District. I congratulate them on their 50-year history, celebrate their many accomplishments, and look forward to many years of serving the citizens of central Kentucky.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF FREDERICK LAW  
OLMSTED

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today we honor the tremendous legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted. April 26, 2022, marks the 200th anniversary of his birth, a day to celebrate and reflect on the great impact he had in my home community of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York and across the country.

When we visit and admire our national parks, we owe a great gratitude to Frederick Law Olmsted, as he was one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865 Yosemite Report. He is remembered as the premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape architecture in the United States.

His work and designs included a plethora of different types of landscapes. He worked to develop parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, and recreation areas.

In our very own community, we see his impact reflected in the Buffalo Olmsted Park System; the first of its kind in this country which today is recognized on the National Register for Historic Places, and in his design of the State Reservation at Niagara, the first and oldest State Park in the United States which preserved public access to the mighty and splendid Niagara Falls.

It was not just the landscapes themselves that were impressive, but Olmsted's philosophy behind his work and designs which were visionary and have stood the test of time. He believed that landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities in urban environments, nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the development of livable communities.

This philosophy was carried out well into the 20th century by Olmsted's associates, sons, and successor firms, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic landscapes that continues to benefit all Americans and visitors.

Madam Speaker, Olmsted's landscape designs are inclusive, enduring, and embrace the restorative value of parks which continue to play a valuable role in society today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ADRIANO BAZA PANGELINAN

**HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adriano Baza Pangelinan. Adriano was a pioneer of contemporary art and esteemed ambassador of Guam whose love for our island and people has and continues to resonate in countless ways. We will fondly remember him as a talented visionary that has helped shape the history and revitalize the spirit of artistry for our community.

As a student at George Washington High School, Adriano launched a distinguished art career at an early age. In the late 1960s, Adriano's undeniable talent, understanding, and use of color compelled his art teacher to submit several of his works to various national and international student art shows. Garnering much attention and acclamation from throughout the world, 17-year-old Adriano was invited to the Chautauqua Institute Art Exhibit in New York State. Shortly thereafter, knowledge of his name and work began to spread. An article about him was published in the New York Times, he was invited to exhibit a one-man show at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and he received numerous other exhibition invitations from places such as Japan and Texas.

Passionate about elevating his creative skills and work, Adriano earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from Southern Illinois University in 1973. By then, he had captivated a worldwide audience and obtained international recognition. Yet instead of taking his wisdom and expertise abroad, he chose to return home to give back to the very people and island often at the center of his vivid watercolor pieces. Upon his arrival, he took on a role as a professor of art at the University of Guam up until his retirement in 1993. For two

decades he served as a teacher and mentor—supporting generations of young artists along their personal paths of success. Today, the distinctive colors, perspective, and character embodied in Adriano's work can be found in many local public spaces including Guam's A. B. Won Pat International Airport, the Guam Legislature, King's Restaurant, Pacific Islands Club Resort, Guam Hilton Hotel, and numerous other hotels. With themes ranging from island customs and daily activities to architecture and homes, they persist as stunning reminders of the beauty that he saw, and we can similarly discover, in our lives, history, and culture.

Adriano Baza Pangelinan is an icon of ingenuity who continues to inspire emerging artists and appreciators alike. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Adriano, his wife Shiela, children Adriano, Carlos, Marilyn, Sean, and Dano, and the rest of their family and friends, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of remaining grounded in one's community and roots no matter where their success may take them. Though Adriano will be deeply missed, he will be welcomed at the Heavenly Gates by his dear mother Pilar, father Vicente, siblings Cristobal, Abelina, Enrique, and Jose, and daughter Filomena, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

HONORING REBECCA REYNOLDS  
FOR BEING AWARDED THE GOLD  
AWARD BY GIRL SCOUTS OF  
MICHIGAN SHORE TO SHORE

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Through her devotion to her community, Rebecca successfully secured multiple grants to help provide funding for modernized technology and resources for her peers.

The Gold Award is a highly prestigious honor given out to only a small fraction of Girl Scouts each year. Since 1916, the Girl Scout's Gold Award has been the highest possible achievement of scouts, typically taking between 1–2 years of work to obtain. Rebecca Reynolds of Gaylord, Michigan, is one of the honorees that will be receiving the Gold Award through her efforts to create a Makerspace at the Otsego County Library. She achieved this goal by securing three grants to help modernize resources available to her peers and the public. As a result of Rebecca's work, two 3D printers, a CNC Machine, Sphero Robots, and many other materials are now available for public use. I commend her selfless work on behalf of her fellow Michiganders, which will surely inspire many to take up interests in STEM education.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.